(c) The increase is mainly on account of Dollar-Rupee exchange rates and fresh loans taken during April-December, 1991.

(d) External debt is being repaid on due dates accordisg to the terms and conditions of each loan. The Government have already introduced a programme of economic reforms aimed at short term stabllisation combined with longer terms restructuring. These reforms would improve the economic condition of the country and revitalise our growth process including our export earning capacity so as to enhance our capacity to repay the loans.

बैंकों में भ्रष्टाचार को रोकने के लिए उठाए गए कदम

109. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय द्वारा बैंकों में भ्रष्टाचार रोकने के लिए पृथक आयोग/प्रभाग बनाए जाने पर विचार किया जा रहा है ।

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका गठन कब तक किए जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) वर्तमान बैंकिंग प्रणाली को बदलने में लगभग कितना समय लगेगा ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) और (ख) 8 जुलाई, 1992 को वित्त मंत्री द्वारा सदन में दिए गए बयान के अनुसरण में सरकार तथा भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के अधिकारियों के एक संयुक्त अध्ययन दल ने सीरियस फ्राड आफिस तथा अन्य विनियमक निकायों की कार्य प्रणाली का अध्ययन करने हेतु सितम्बर, 1992 में इंग्लैंड का दौरा किया था । अध्ययन दल द्वारा प्रस्तुत रिपोर्ट में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ बड़ी तथा जटिल वित्तीय धोखाधड़ियों के मामले से निपटने के लिए भारत में एक विशिष्ट संगठन की स्थापना के लिए सुझाव भी दिया है। रिपोर्ट पर भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक तथा सरकार द्वारा विचार किया जा रहा है ।

(ग) भौगोलिक फैलाव तथा बैंकिंग कार्यप्रणाली की पहुंच में वृद्धि के कारण उनकी सेवाओं में विविधीकरण भी हुआ है । जहां एक ओर कई मामलों में पर्याप्त प्रगति हुई है, वहीं दूसरी ओर व्यवस्थित कार्यचालन पर स्पष्ट रूप में दबाव भी पड़ा है । तथापि, लेन-देनों की मात्रा तथा उनकी प्रकृति में भिन्नता को देखते हुए, प्रणाली को बदलने के लिए समयावधि बताना व्यवहार्य नहीं है।

Adverse effect on domestic Industry due to cut in customs duty

110. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a drastic cut in customs duty on 35 items as announced by him has any adverse effect on domestic industry;

(b) whether any study was done prior to this announcement; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The reduction in the rate of customs duty on 35 specified items imported as baggage is not likely to have any adverse effect on domestic industry.

(b) and (c) No formal study was done. However, the issue was under examination for the last few months and a deci-

sion was taken after due deliberations.

Different rates of excise duty

*111. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a difference in the rate of excise duty on the basis that the final product is produced in an integrated plant or a split unit particularly in case of cement; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Cement manufactured in a factory using vertical shaft kiln or rotary kiln having specified installed or licensed capacity attracts basic excise duty of Rs. 165/- per MT. Cement manufactured in other plants attracts basic excise duty of Rs. 290/- per MT.

(b) Low rate of excise duty has been extended to cement units using vertical shaft kiln or rotary kiln mainly on the following considerations:—

(i) to encourage use of small deposits of limestone available in not easily accessible areas;

(ii) to tap small markets in and around the small limestone deposits.

Narcotics smuggling on Pakistan border

112. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late there has been a rise in cases of narcotics smuggling on the Pak border; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The seizures on the Indo-Pak border during the last two years have been as follows:—

	Heroin (Kg)	Hashish (Kg)
1991 . . .	41.460	564.670
1992 . . .	36.565	617.820

(b) Arrangements for gathering of intelligence and exchange of intelligence between the different agencis have been streamlined. Training is being imported to the enforcement officers of various agencies to improve their effectiveness. A part of the Indo-Pakistan border has been fenced. The strength of enforcement agencies in the border areas has been enhanced. Equipment has also been supplied to some enforcement agencies to improve their mobility and communication facilities in the border areas.

Adjustment of overdrafts by State Government

113. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of State Governments which have failed to repay to the Reserve Bank of India their overdraft as on 31st December, 1992;

(b) what is the amount of overdraft due from each State as on the 31st December, 1992; and

(c) what action the Reserve Bank of Indla has taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The State Governments of Kerala and Manipur failed to clear their overdrafts from the Reserve Bank as on December 30, 1992 (December 31, 1992 being holiday for half-yearly closing of Reserve Bank's accounts) within the time limit prescribed under the Overdraft Regulation Scheme.

(b) The amount of overdraft due from each State as on December 30, 1992 (De-